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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT: USEC-EC COOPERATION

SCI/EN FOR HERTER

1. UBALDO ZITO, EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPREATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, TELLS US THAT
HE IS PREPARING COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA'S
REPLY TO A JULY 31 LETTER FROM CHRISTIAN HERTER, JR. IN HIS
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LETTER, HERTER PROPOSED TO MEET WITH SCARASCIA TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR US-EC COOPERATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. ZITO SAID THAT SCARASCIA WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE IDEA OF SUCH COOPERATION AND PROPOSE THAT HERTER HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 24. THIS DATE WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT COINCIDES WITH A CCMS MEETING ON OCTOBER 23-24 AND SCARASCIA ASSUMES HERTER WILL BE IN BRUSSELS TO ATTEND THE MEETING. ZITO REALIZES THAT HERTER WILL BE BUSY, AS WILL SCARASCIA WITH A COMMISSION MEETING, BUT HE HOPED THAT A LUNCH FROM ONE TO THREE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. HE ASKED US IF WE COULD CHECK WITH HERTER TO SEE IF LUNCH ON OCTOBER 24 IS AGREEABLE.

2. ZITO SAID THAT DURING THE PROPOSED LUNCHEON MEETING SCARASCIA WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TO PLACE US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION AS WELL AS VISITS BETWEEN US AND EC ENVIRONMENT EXPERTS TO DEFINE AREAS FOR COOPERATION. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT SCARASCIA WOULD LIKE TO GO TO WASHINGTON, PERHAPS IN THE SPRING.

3. COMMENT: AS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR ZITO TO KNOW IF LUNCH ON OCTOBER 24 IS ACCEPTABLE BEFORE HE SENDS SCARASCIA'S LETTER, THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY REPLY. ZITO ALSO REQUESTED A COPY OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT WHICH WAS RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 17. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD POUCH TWO COPIES. GREENWALD

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